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Letter dated 4 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to transmit the attached document, entitled "Passage of motion" in which the members of Parliament of the Republic of Sierra Leone have issued a 15-point resolution following the mounting attacks on the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) forces.

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 4 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

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Passage of motion

Private Member's motion

Proposer: Hon. A. O. Bangura
Seconder: Hon. Dr. Raymond S. Kamara

Be it resolved:

That Members of the House of Parliament:

1. Express serious concern over the resumption of hostilities by forces of the RUF and consider such hostilities as a breach of the ceasefire agreement signed in Lomé on 18 May 1999 and the Peace Agreement signed in Lomé on 7 July 1999.

2. Deplore in the strongest terms the current attacks on UNAMSIL forces and other acts of banditry, indiscipline, destruction and molestation consistently taken by the RUF against UNAMSIL since the arrival of the forces in Sierra Leone.

3. Regard the breach of the two agreements and the perpetration of hostilities against UNAMSIL as criminal acts for which the leadership of the RUF should be brought to justice by the international tribunal for crimes against humanity.

4. Deeply regret casualties and any loss of life.

5. Forcefully demand the immediate release of any UNAMSIL forces and other United Nations and international personnel, as well as any civilians detained by the RUF.

6. Call on the RUF leadership to immediately instruct its fighters to stop the fighting and refrain from further perpetration of criminal acts against UNAMSIL forces and innocent civilians in their areas of operation.

7. Commend UNAMSIL troops and Force Commander General Jetley for their courage and heroic comportment to bring the situation under control.

8. Pledge the full support of Members of Parliament and the people of Sierra Leone for the continued efforts being made to resolve the crisis.

9. Members of Parliament further call on the Government of Sierra Leone to:

   - Mobilize the entire populace and put all resources at its disposal, including military, police, paramilitary and civilian volunteers to stand firm by the side of UNAMSIL in their efforts to bring this crisis to an immediate end.

   - Put Mr. Foday Sankoh immediately under house arrest and restrict the movement of RUF Ministers of Government and all other official appointees of the RUF until such time as the hostilities have come to an end.

- Ensure that guns are removed from all combatants within 45 days from today and make it a serious criminal offence for anyone to be found in unlawful possession of a weapon or for unlawfully keeping a weapon in his premises.
- Remove all ex-combatants from those parts of the country they now illegally occupy and administer.
- Restore normal authority of government throughout the country.

10. That Parliament:

- Enact legislation suspending some of the privileges accorded to Mr. Foday Sankoh and other elements of the RUF by virtue of the Lomé Peace Agreement ratified by Parliament until such time as they show genuine commitment to the peace process.
- Invite Mr. Foday Sankoh to Parliament to explain the circumstances leading to the attacks on UNAMSIL forces in Kailahun, Magburaka and Makeni which are all tantamount to violations of his obligations under the Lomé Agreement.
- Hold the leadership of those responsible for further acts of violence against innocent citizens and other criminal acts of banditry, harassment and molestation of civilians liable and accountable to the international war crimes tribunal.

11. That Parliament further call on UNAMSIL to:

- Forcefully disarm all combatants that are unwilling to hand in their guns and participate in the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration programme within a period of 45 days.
- Institute cordon-and-search exercises throughout the city of Freetown, and its environs, as well as provincial headquarters, particularly in areas with unusual concentration of ex-combatants.
- Strictly enforce curfew hours and severely limit permits for street marches, parades, demonstrations and night vigils and the like until security is assured throughout the country.

12. That Parliament call on all citizens of Sierra Leone to:

- Join Members of Parliament in registering their profound revulsion at the continued violations of the Lomé Peace Agreement by the RUF.
- Cooperate with one another in isolating Mr. Foday Sankoh until he and his supporters show remorse for the hurt, harm and grievous damage they have done to their country.

13. As the series of coordinated attacks against UNAMSIL troops in various parts of the country are viewed as an indication that Mr. Foday Sankoh and his supporters are not interested in peace but are committed to derailing the peace process and seizing power by force,

That Members of Parliament, therefore, call upon the Moral guarantors, especially President Charles Taylor, President Blaise Campaore and President Kadaffi to use their influence and good offices to prevail on Mr. Foday Sankoh to respect the Lomé Peace Agreement.

14. That Parliament strongly enjoin Mr. Foday Sankoh to respect the commitment he has just made to the visiting Nigerian delegation to uphold the provisions of the Lomé Agreement.

15. Finally, that Members of Parliament call on the United Nations to invoke Article 7 of the rules of engagement authorizing UNAMSIL to use force when necessary.

Passed unanimously by a collection of voices this fourth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand.

Certified by the Clerk of Parliament

J. A. **Carpenter**
Clerk of Parliament